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For: RECOMBINANT BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE HUMAN ZONA PELLUCIDA PROTEIN 3 (hZP3) TO TEST MALE FERTILITY

## AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2000, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

In the specification:

On page 1, before the first sentence of the specification, please add This application claims benefit of Provisional Application Ser. No. 60/075,079 filed February 19, 1998.

On page 3, line 24, please delete "Id" and replace therefore with "Dev. Biol. 151: 48-54 (1992)."

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1,2, and 6-24 without prejudice or disclaimer.